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## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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Paid state tax,	\$672 00	
county tax,	512 65	
T. J. Tufts, note,	1,384 89	
J. W. Goodspeed, note,	167 27	
	<hr/>	\$2,736 81

### *ORDERS DRAWN ON THE TREASURER.*

#### *SCHOOLS.*

Paid District No. 1, Chas. Bancroft,	\$172 87	
District No. 2, I. N. Center,	178 75	
District No. 3, M. M. Campbell,	157 00	
District No. 4, J. S. Reid,	60 56	
District No. 5, A. Cutler,	17 05	
	<hr/>	\$586 23

#### *TOWN OFFICERS.*

Paid A. H. Powers, town clerk,	\$12 00	
A. H. Powers, supt. school com.,	15 00	
N. C. Griffin, treasurer,	15 00	
A. H. Powers, selectman,	28 00	
Fred McQuesten, selectman,	25 00	
George C. Danforth, selectman,	18 00	
Amos Saunders, collector,	50 00	
I. N. Center, first supervisor,	6 00	
E. Pike, second supervisor,	5 00	
E. S. Chase, third supervisor,	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$178 00



*PAUPERS.*

Paid County of Hillsborough, board of	
P. G. Melvin,	\$91 75
Charles McQuesten, board of Bet-	
sey Graham,	60 00
	———— \$151 75

*HIGHWAYS.*

Paid E. Pike, labor, 1882,	\$23 61
W. M. Barnes, labor, 1882,	18 49
F. L. Center, labor,	1 59
Richard Shepherd, loam,	8 00
N. P. Bullock, labor and clay,	5 25
A. Taggart, clay,	1 44
Warren Goodspeed, loam,	96
J. L. Senter, labor,	3 50
G. M. Bullock, labor,	4 20
Cook & Co., plank,	2 90
E. Pike, plank, lumber, tools,	7 89
E. Pike, loam,	3 95
	———— \$81 78

*SUNDRY BILLS.*

Paid Barker & Bean, printing reports,	
1883,	\$10 00
N. P. Bullock, sexton,	9 00
A. H. Powers, bounty on crows,	8 40
A. H. Powers, blanks, stationery	
and stamps,	3 75
Dr. Pillsbury, reporting births and	
deaths,	50
A. H. Powers, recording marri-	
ages, births and deaths,	1 85
A. H. Powers, going to Concord	
to settle with state,	3 00

Paid A. H. Powers, care of tramp,	\$0 50
J. Butterfield, warming and lighting town hall,	2 00
George H. Goodspeed, abatement of tax,	1 26
H. W. McQuesten, abatement of tax,	1 26
Mrs. S. Chase, abatement of tax,	95
Lund & Hill, abatement of tax,	2 52
A. H. Campbell, abatement of tax,	63
Warren Goodspeed, abatement of tax,	1 89
D. & J. McQuesten, abatement of tax,	12 60
N. C. Griffin, balance due 1881,	4 40
N. C. Griffin, balance due 1882,	23 71
F. L. Center, amount of J. A. Marsh's tax, 1879 and 1880,	27 27
Warren M. Barnes, abatement of tax,	1 01
	———— \$118 13

### *RECAPITULATION.*

Paid state tax,	\$672 00
county tax,	512 65
T. J. Tufts, note,	1,384 89
J. W. Goodspeed, note,	167 27
schools,	586 23
town officers,	178 00
paupers,	151 75
highways,	81 78
sundry bills,	118 13
	———— \$3,852 70

## CASH RECEIVED.

Railroad tax,	\$103	59	
Savings bank tax,	872	64	
Literary fund,	25	50	
Hillsborough County, board of Betsey Graham,	66	25	
State, bounty on crows,	8	40	
Amos Saunders, collector, 1883,	2,504	00	
Fred L. Center, collector, 1879 and 1880,	54	27	
W. M. Barnes, interest,	5	00	
W. M. Barnes, collector, 1882,	33	71	
	————		\$3,673 36
Whole amount paid out,	\$3,852	70	
Whole amount received,	3,673	36	
Amount due treasurer,	————		\$179 34
Amount charged collector, 1883,	\$3,162	44	
Amount received of collector, 1883,	2,504	00	
Due from collector, 1883,	————		\$658 44
Due from collector, 1878,			15 90
Due from Hillsborough County,			10 00
Balance due town, 1882,			6 81
			————
			\$691 15
Amount due treasurer,			179 34
			————
Total assets of town,			\$511 81

NORRIS C. GRIFFIN, *Treasurer.*



We, the selectmen, have examined the above report of the treasurer, and find it a true report to the best of our knowledge of the financial affairs of the town.

A. H. POWERS,  
FRED McQUESTEN,  
G. C. DANFORTH,

*Selectmen of Litchfield.*

MARCH 1, 1884.

## SCHOOL REPORT.

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The aim of the public school should be to give a thorough and systematic elementary education, and the ability to use it in practical life. The true science and art of teaching is to so teach the elementary common school studies that the pupil may become perfect master of the principles upon which they are founded, thereby enabling him to use his learning in the solution of the practical problems of life. The ability to read, write and reckon correctly is of the first importance, and until this work is accomplished nothing else should be attempted. But education does not apply wholly to the mind, but to the moral and physical faculties as well. The pupil should acquire correct moral deportment and an elementary knowledge of his physical system and the laws, and their application, on which his health and life depends. That which fits the masses for the trials of life is a thorough, systematic knowledge of a few useful things. Then let the aim be to prepare the graduates of the common school for life, its prosperity and its happiness.

To ensure a good school it is necessary to have a studious, energetic teacher, conscientious in the discharge of every duty, pupils obedient and attentive, and parents sympathetic and coöperative. That parents may truly appreciate the school, they should frequently visit it to see for themselves its working. They should never listen to the complaints of pupils, much more act upon

them, but they should judge for themselves in the school-room. If in their opinion there are abuses and errors that ought to be corrected, let them respectfully submit the matter to the proper authorities for adjustment, thereby avoiding even the appearance of intermeddling in school government, for such action is unlawful and highly detrimental to the best interests of the school.

Our schools are still deficient in proper apparatus to illustrate and explain the subjects taught. All buildings which subserve school purposes should be the pride of the district, and they should receive its careful attention. Let them be furnished with necessary illustrative apparatus and kept in good repair, for they reflect something of the community in which they are located. All things considered, the school year just passed has been one of reasonable prosperity and success. Teachers could have done more efficient work had they been better supplied with the apparatus for illustration. Some schools have suffered from changes in teachers, these, with other causes, have detracted something from the usefulness of our schools.

### *ROLL OF HONOR.*

Alverta P. Barrett was present every half day for two terms without being tardy. Hugh J. Taggart, Carl W. Daniels, Mary F. Butterfield, Louisa Butterfield, Iva S. Daniels, Guy C. Griffin, Carl P. Griffin, E. Maud Page, Annie E. Putnam, Ethel M. Putnam, Susie B. Whittemore and J. Albert Reid were present every half day for one term, without being tardy.



## TABLE OF STATISTICS.

Number of District.	Terms.	NAME OF TEACHER.	Wages of Teacher.	Number of Weeks.	Number of Pupils.	*Average Attendance.	Reading and Spelling.	Writing.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Language.	Higher Studies.
1	1	Anna A. Bancroft,	\$22	10	14	10	14	12	8	5	1	2
1	2	Amanda M. McDougall,	22	9	8	7	8	8	8	5	1	2
1	3	Laura Center,	24	9	10	9	10	10	8	8	2	2
2	1	M. A. Center,	22	9	9	7	9	9	9	4	5	1
2	2	M. A. Center,	22	7	7	6	7	7	7	3	5	1
2	3	M. A. Center,	22	7	7	6	7	7	7	3	5	2
3	1	S. P. Bixby,	22	10	19	14	19	14	10	3	7	2
3	2	S. P. Bixby,	22	8	17	16	17	16	10	4	7	2
3	3	Mary A. Wiley,	22	9	17	13	17	16	10	4	7	2
4	1	Amanda M. McDougall,	24	10	3	3	3	2	2	2	0	0

\*Fractions omitted.

Whole number pupils attending school past year, boys, 20; girls, 21. Visits by superintendent, 19.

A. H. POWERS, *Supt.*

LITCHFIELD, N. H., March, 1, 1884.







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